

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention provides an image forming
5 apparatus where the useful life of the image carrier
does not become significantly short. This system has a
charging unit, a charge voltage loading unit, an
exposure unit, a development unit, an image transfer
unit and a control unit, wherein, when the transport
10 interval of the plural recording materials is shorter
than a predetermined time the AC charge voltage
applied to the image carrier during the transport
interval being a first AC charge voltage, and when the
transport interval is longer than the predetermined
15 time the ac charge voltage applied to the image
carrier during the transport interval being a second
AC charge voltage, the control unit makes the current
running in the charging unit to which the second
charge voltage is applied lower than the current
20 running in the charging unit to which the first AC
charge voltage is applied.